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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A   method   for   calculating   tax   credit information, comprising:

providing an on-line reporting form to a plurality

5   of users;

collecting from more than one of the plurality of users,   information   regarding   allocation   of   financial resources regarding one or more projects associated with the more than one of the plurality of users; and

10   calculating   tax   credit   information   based   upon   the allocation   of   financial   resources   regarding   the   one   or more projects.

2.   The   method   of   Claim   1,   wherein   the   on-line

15   reporting   form   includes   database   links   to   one   or   more databases, and further comprising:

automatically   verifying   at   least   some   of   the information   collected   from   the   more   than   one   of   the plurality of users, while the information is being input;

20   and

wherein   the   automatic   verification   includes comparing the information with stored data within one or more databases.

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3.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the more than one of the plurality of users input data to a plurality of data fields, and further comprising:

performing one or more edit checks regarding the
5   information; and

wherein the edit checks include verifying that related data fields of a plurality of data fields associated with the reporting form do not contain inconsistent data.

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4.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the on-line reporting form utilizes client and server side scripting technology for at least one of navigation, field validation and interaction.

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5.   The method of Claim 2, wherein the database includes an SQL database and further comprising automatically populating a plurality of data fields associated with the on-line reporting form using data
20   retrieved from the SQL database.

6.   The method of Claim 5, wherein the data retrieved from the SQL database relates to cost center man-months of time dedicated to the one or more projects.

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7.   The method of Claim 5, wherein the data retrieved from the SQL database relates to outside labor expenses dedicated to the one or more projects.

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8.   The method of Claim 1, further comprising batch producing reports including summaries of at least some of the information collected from the more than one of the plurality of users.

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9.   The method of claim 1, further comprising batch producing hardcopy printouts corresponding to the on-line reporting form.

10   10.   The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
automatically generating a list of requested backup documentation from the more than one of the plurality of users; and
transmitting the list to the more than one of the
15   plurality of users.

11.   The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
receiving, from an administrator, a report request for a specified time frame regarding the information
20   collected from the more than one of the plurality of users; and
generating a report covering the specified time frame.

25   12.   The method of Claim 1, further comprising calculating a tax credit amount based upon the allocation of financial resources regarding the one or more projects.

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13. The method of Claim 1, further comprising generating a tax return form indicating a cumulative tax credit amount, wherein the tax return form is in compliance with Internal Revenue Service codes.

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14. A system for calculating tax credit information, comprising:

a server being operable to collect, from more than one of the plurality of users, information regarding the allocation of financial resources regarding one or more projects associated with the more than one of the plurality of users; and

the server including a processor being operable to calculate tax credit information based upon the allocation of financial resources regarding the one or more projects.

15. The system of Claim 14, wherein the on-line reporting form includes database links to one or more databases, and further comprising:

a database including stored data; and

the processor being further operable to access the database and automatically verify at least some of the information collected from the more than one of the plurality of users, while the information is being input.

16. The system of Claim 14, wherein the more than one of the plurality of users input data to a plurality of data fields, and the processor being further operable to perform one or more edit checks regarding the information; and

wherein the edit checks include verifying that related data fields of the plurality of data fields associated with the reporting form do not contain inconsistent data.

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17. The system of Claim 15, wherein the database includes an SQL database and further comprising automatically populating a plurality of data fields associated with the on-line reporting form using data retrieved from the SQL database.

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18. Logic encoded in media for calculating tax
credit information, the logic operable to perform the
following steps:

provide an on-line reporting form to a plurality of
5 users;

collect from more than one of the plurality of
users, information regarding allocation of financial
resources regarding one or more projects associated with
the more than one of the plurality of users; and

10 calculate tax credit information based upon the
allocation of financial resources regarding the one or
more projects.

19. The logic encoded in media of Claim 18, wherein
15 the on-line reporting form includes database links to one
or more databases, and wherein the logic is further
operable to:

automatically verify at least some of the
information collected from the more than one of the
20 plurality of users, while the information is being input
by the more than one of the plurality of users; and

wherein the automatic verification includes
comparing the information with stored data within one or
more databases.

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20. The logic encoded in media of Claim 18, wherein the more than one of the plurality of users input data to a plurality of data fields, and wherein the logic is further operable to:

5   perform one or more edit checks regarding the information; and

wherein the edit checks include verifying that related data fields of the plurality of data fields associated with the reporting form do not contain

10   inconsistent data.

21. The logic encoded in media of Claim 19, wherein the database includes an SQL database, and wherein the logic is further operable to automatically populate a

15   plurality of data fields associated with the on-line reporting form using data retrieved from the SQL database.

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22. An apparatus for calculating tax credit information, comprising:

means for providing an on-line reporting form to a plurality of users;

5   means for collecting from more than one of the plurality of users, information regarding allocation of financial resources regarding one or more projects associated with the more than one of the plurality of users; and

10   means for calculating tax credit information based upon the allocation of financial resources regarding the one or more projects.

23. The apparatus of Claim 22, wherein the on-line
15   reporting form includes database links to one or more databases, and further comprising:

means for automatically verifying at least some of the information collected from the more than one of the plurality of users, while the information is being input
20   by the more than one of the plurality of users; and

wherein the automatic verification includes comparing the information with stored data within one or more databases.

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24. The apparatus of Claim 22, wherein the more than one of the plurality of users input data to a plurality of data fields, and further comprising:

means for performing one or more edit checks
5   regarding the information; and

wherein the edit checks include verifying that related data fields of the plurality of data fields associated with the reporting form do not contain inconsistent data.
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25. The apparatus of Claim 23, wherein the database includes an SQL database, and further comprising means for automatically populating a plurality of data fields associated with the on-line reporting form using data
15   retrieve from the SQL database.